TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3262 - SB 3157

February 9, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of traffic surveillance cameras in Tennessee. Voids all citations based solely on evidence from cameras. Voids all state and local government contracts for cameras

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgone Local Revenue – Exceeds \$1,000,000 Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$2,000,000 Decrease Local Expenditures – Cost Avoidance – Exceeds \$100,000 Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000

Assumptions:

- State agencies do not currently utilize traffic surveillance cameras.
- This legislation applies only to contracts entered into or renewed after the effective date of this act.
- Local governments that are not currently operating cameras but that would have utilized cameras in the absence of this legislation will experience forgone local revenue estimated to exceed \$1,000,000 for traffic fines that will not be collected.
- Local governments currently operating cameras will experience a decrease in local revenue estimated to exceed \$2,000,000 for traffic fines that will no longer be collected.
- Local governments that are not currently operating cameras but that would have utilized cameras in the absence of this legislation will experience a cost avoidance in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$100,000 for not paying vendors a portion of fines.

• Most cameras are operated through a contract with a vendor; the vendor is paid a percentage of fines collected. Local governments currently operating cameras will experience a decrease in expenditures estimated to exceed \$200,000 for no longer paying vendors a portion of fines.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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